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Sir:

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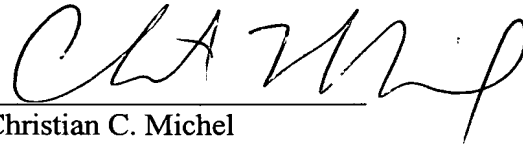
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References cited herein were cited in an office action in the corresponding Japanese patent application and the PCT International Search Report, copies of both of which are provided for the Examiner's convenience.

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		Country Code-Number-Kind Code (<i>if known</i>)				
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		JP 2001-314976	11/2001	Yoshitaka Aoyama et al.		X
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